

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3237, with An Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3237

To amend the SOAR Act by clarifying the scope of coverage of the Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2011

Mr. GOWDY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SOAR Technical Cor-
5 rections Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF FUNDS.**

7 Section 3007(a)(4)(F) of the Scholarships for Oppor-
8 tunity and Results Act (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat.
9 203) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(F) ensures that, with respect to core
2 academic subjects (as such term is defined in
3 section 9101(11) of the Elementary and Sec-
4 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
5 7801(11)), participating students are taught by
6 a teacher who has a baccalaureate degree or
7 equivalent degree, whether such degree was
8 awarded in or outside of the United States.”.

9 **SEC. 3. NATIONALLY NORM-REFERENCED STANDARDIZED**
10 **TESTS.**

11 Section 3008(h) of the Scholarships for Opportunity
12 and Results Act (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat. 205) is
13 amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(2) ADMINISTRATION OF TESTS.—The Insti-
16 tute of Education Sciences shall administer nation-
17 ally norm-referenced standardized tests, as described
18 in paragraph (3)(A) of section 3009(a), to students
19 participating in the evaluation under section 3009(a)
20 for the purpose of conducting the evaluation under
21 such section, except where a student is attending a
22 participating school that is administering the same
23 nationally norm-referenced standardized test in ac-
24 cordance with the testing requirements described in
25 paragraph (1).

1 “(3) TEST RESULTS.—Each participating
2 school that administers the nationally norm-ref-
3 erenced standardized test described in paragraph (2)
4 to an eligible student shall make the test results,
5 with respect to such student, available to the Sec-
6 retary as necessary for evaluation under section
7 3009(a).”.

8 **SEC. 4. EVALUATIONS.**

9 Section 3009(a)(3) of the Scholarships for Oppor-
10 tunity and Results Act (Public Law 112–10; 125 Stat.
11 206) is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting before the
13 semicolon the following: “in a manner consistent
14 with section 3008(h)”; and

15 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, if re-
16 quested by the Institute of Education Sciences,”
17 after “will participate”.